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THE NATIVE PETITIONS.

Senator White opposes annexation, but he seems to admit that our Government has the power to transfer sovereignty. Others Senators seem to be confused as to the exact status of the natives, and honestly want to protect any "rights" which they have. "Rights" is a very indefinite term. It may cover legal rights, or moral rights, or rights with many limitations to them. The men who overturned the Monarchy never intended, nor would they permit, that the individual rights of the natives should be impaired, in any way whatsoever. On the contrary they believed, and the evidence sustains the belief, that the Monarchy was gradually destroying the individual rights of the natives as well as of all other inhabitants.

Now that petitions are presented by the native representatives to Congress, in opposition to annexation, the question is asked, how far are they genuine? Were any steps taken by the friends of annexation with a view to preventing or detecting fraud in the matter? Mr. Thurston and Mr. Hatch are abundantly able to cope with any surface or apparent frauds. They are too far from the base of evidence to meet any latent frauds.

American Senators have a most abiding contempt for the average petition, because they know how these instruments are manufactured. But if, on the face of a petition, there is regularity and a claim of right, there is always a disposition to consider it. Ample proof should be in Washington that will show the truth about these petitions, so as to meet the inquiries of objecting Senators.

The danger is, that if some of the indifferent, or non-committal Senators desire to delay the ratification, they will use the petitions as a pretext for sending out to these Islands a committee of investigation, or of insisting on the ad referendum, or popular vote. As only a few Senators hold the balance of power they are in a position to do so.

We have felt from the moment we heard of the overthrow of the Monarchy, and the proposal for annexation, that the examination and report of a fair minded Congressional committee, would place before the American people a clear, definite, truthful statement of the social and political conditions here, and would, so far as the Islands are concerned, remove forever any wrangling about facts. Had this been done, any opposition to a treaty of annexation would have been promptly met by ample and sufficient evidence.

This course was not pursued, and the wrangle over facts is about to take place in Washington.

It was suggested several years ago, that the Hawaiian Legislature authorize a commission to take full and impartial testimony on the subject. But there was too much "statesmanship" in such a suggestion. It looked too far ahead.

As we have said before, if the United States desire this territory, as we hope they do, they may consider the ratification of our Senate sufficient in the matter of title, and the petitions may be disregarded.

AREAS OF ANNEXATION.

Secretary Bliss of the Interior Department in Washington, in his report, states in figures the area of land annexed by the United States since the Constitution was adopted. He says that the area annexed by the purchase of Alaska was 369,529,600 acres. Hawaii, he says, has only 4,215,680 acres, so that it rates only as a mouthful. In view of the constant an-

nexations, Mr. Bliss claims that further annexation is clearly the historic policy of the country. His argument is, that there must be special and powerful reasons for refusing to annex Hawaii.

THE CALL'S AWFUL RUMOR.

The S. F. Call in a most impressive way, publishes a rumor that Minister Damon "intrigued" for the return of Princess Kaiulani, with, of course, "ulterior" motives.

The next rumor the Call will publish will be to this effect: Minister Damon now has an encampment on his ranch at Moanalua, of 500 red-legged Zouaves and a battalion of "Hussars of Death," with 10 Gatlings covered with rubber bags, sunk in his fish ponds. He proposes to march on Honolulu at an opportune moment, and will be known after the manner of Boulanger, as the "Man on Horseback." The manuscript of his speech to his army has been submitted to the Press, ready to be sent over the wires, at the firing of the first gun. The opening sentence is: "Comrades, 20 centuries look down on you from Punchbowl." Mr. Damon discusses the subject freely with his friends, and the railroad does a large business carrying excursionists to the encampment. Although he is a member of Mr. Dole's Cabinet, and he has dungeons provided for every member of it, in the caves of Moanalua, he discusses the matter freely with his associates, and has asked President Dole to "furnish" his own particular dungeon in advance, and select his own method of execution. Attorney General Smith has asked him to kindly submit in advance his plan of campaign. The Cabinet refuses to let Captain Berger's band do the music for Mr. Damon's revolution. The Princess, dressed as Joan of Arc, will follow the "Man on Horseback."

Kau Christmas.

Waiohinu, Kau, was by no means behind the times in the matter of Christmas entertainments. On Saturday night the skating rink at that place was filled to overflowing with an audience of over 400 people invited there to witness the tableaux, gotten up by Mr. and Mrs. Noah Kauhane and Koa Ulukou. The stage was most attractive. The settings and paintings made by Mr. Ulukou himself, were very well done. The tableaux represented scenes from ancient Hawaiian history and according to those present, were very realistic.

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BASE BALL.

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For two particular reasons the baseball game scheduled for the afternoon of New Year's day should attract a crowd that will fill the grand stand and overflow the grounds. In the first place the contesting teams are picked nines from the best players of the 1897 league. The batteries are Mayne and Wilder and Lemon and Davis. The other men are all considered the very best players obtainable for the various positions. In the second place the entire receipts of the game go to the Strangers' Friend Society. This organization, as the winter advances is more and more in need of funds. The ball game should be one of the speediest and prettiest ever seen here.

At Kaunakapili.

There was a pleasant Christmas tree celebration at Kaunakapili church on Monday evening, under the direction of Mrs. B. F. Dillingham. There were songs and recitations and presents for all the Sabbath school scholars.

On next Friday night there will be a watch meeting at Kaunakapili. It will begin at 8 in the evening and continue till after midnight. Refreshments and special music will be provided.

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